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In re Patent Application of:
Anthony Griffo et al.

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Art Unit: 3724

For: CONE EROSION PROTECTION FOR
ROLLER CONE DRILL BITS

Examiner: Prone, Jason D.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the Species B, covered by claim 50, and Species D, covered by claim 32, for continued examination. Additionally, claims 28-31 and 36-37 are encompassed in the species covered by claim 50, and claim 47 is generic.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

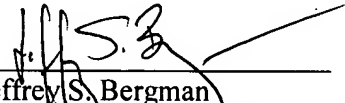
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 05516/106002 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: October 19, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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